

# Request for Remote Public Input for House Select Committee on COVID-19 Public Comments Report - LINC

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04/18/2020 04:23 PM	Education Working Group	Mrs. Mandee LaCroix	I am the director of a childcare center in Cabarrus County. COVID 19 has caused us to furlough 75% of our teachers. This year our childcare center celebrates 50 years of serving our community. To continue our legacy of serving the community we need immediate financial assistance to support our teachers.
04/18/2020 05:09 PM	Education Working Group	Susan Henking	I strongly suggest deciding soon to continue the stay at home until at least July 1. Colleges and universities need help moving forward for the fall and not knowing what is happening for the next few months hampers decision making.
04/18/2020 09:52 PM	Education Working Group	Teresa Sigmon	Please do not open the State back up prematurely. I know people are hurting economically but they are alive. Let's direct all the funds we can to help those in need and stay at home and shut down until it is safe to get things going again
04/18/2020 10:51 PM	Education Working Group	Mrs. Rosiliana Wilder	It is high time that North Carolina be opened for business. Our state cannot afford to have small businesses shuttered. We need to get back to work. We are destroying our economy. Protect the vulnerable and open North Carolina for business again! Anyone who has an "essential worker!"
04/19/2020 07:28 AM	Education Working Group		Reopen NC! Let us go back to work and live in freedom. Let those most at risk or afraid to stay home longer if they choose. The cure shouldn't be worse than the disease!
04/19/2020 08:19 AM	Education Working Group	Mrs Deb Weaver Weaver	Inalienable rights= God given rights Overreach = man taking those rights Compliance= behaving according to state and local laws and lawful temporary guidelines during a crisis (ie: social distancing, groups of less than 10). Non-compliance= ignoring those instructions Freedom of religion= to pray, worship, and study as each sees fit Freedom to assemble= to gather for worship, protest, and work Freedom of speech= not only to speak one's mind, but to be heard Civil disobedience= actions to address injustice, corruption, and tyranny God's Law= supersedes man's law, and must always take precedence over man's law Government= "of the people, by the people, and for the people" Patriotic=belief in the veracity and timelessness of upholding the Constitution of the United States of America, and one's state Freedom= equal justice under the law Elections= free and open voting by U.S. citizens, to Approve of or remove gov't officials, depending on the elected's true or untrue representation of their constituents Basic tenants of our freedom= the inalienable right to "Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness" and "that all men are created equal" Civil hierarchy: elected officials work for the people!
			HOW DOES THE NC GENERAL ASSEMBLY FEEL THEY ARE MEASURING UP?
04/19/2020 08:47 AM	Education Working Group	Kevin Osborne	The education I am involved in can be done safely and we need to get the State back open now!
04/19/2020 09:14 AM	Education Working Group	Stephanie Brown	We need stronger Internet and broadband THROUGHOUT North Carolina. K-12 and college students in rural areas cannot do their homework. See <a href="https://www.wunc.org/post/lack-">https://www.wunc.org/post/lack-</a>

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			<p>broadband-internet-obstacle-rural-students</p> <p>Please repeal SESSION LAW 2011-84 HOUSE BILL 129 AN ACT TO PROTECT JOBS AND INVESTMENT BY REGULATING LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMPETITION WITH PRIVATE BUSINESS. This "limits the ability of local municipal governments to set up their own high-speed internet service. The law spared cable companies from having to compete with municipal systems that could deliver the same high-speed internet access at a lower price." <a href="https://www.newsobserver.com/latest-news/article210366074.html">https://www.newsobserver.com/latest-news/article210366074.html</a></p> <p>Internet should be treated as a public utility and should be available to ALL in North Carolina.</p> <p>thank you.</p>
04/19/2020 09:43 AM	Education Working Group	Stay Safe Amanda Gordon	<p>My husband is in law enforcement and I'm a teacher. We have not stopped working during this time, but we have been able to work virtually or with the office closed to the public. If the stay-at-home order is removed, our lives will be on the line. Also my mom, godparents, and great uncle/aunt are elderly and with compromised immune systems. Opening up too soon will be harmful to them. Right now we need to stay safe and keep doing what we are doing to fight the virus so it ends and doesn't get out of control. Of course these are hard times, but people who are protesting that things open are doing it out of irrational fear and cabin fever.</p>
04/19/2020 11:22 AM	Education Working Group	Dr Mindy Oshrain	<p>We need stronger Internet and broadband THROUGHOUT North Carolina. K-12 and college students in rural areas cannot do their homework. See <a href="https://www.wunc.org/post/lack-broadband-internet-obstacle-rural-students">https://www.wunc.org/post/lack-broadband-internet-obstacle-rural-students</a></p> <p>Please repeal SESSION LAW 2011-84 HOUSE BILL 129 AN ACT TO PROTECT JOBS AND INVESTMENT BY REGULATING LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMPETITION WITH PRIVATE BUSINESS. This "limits the ability of local municipal governments to set up their own high-speed internet service. The law spared cable companies from having to compete with municipal systems that could deliver the same high-speed internet access at a lower price." <a href="https://www.newsobserver.com/latest-news/article210366074.html">https://www.newsobserver.com/latest-news/article210366074.html</a></p> <p>Internet should be treated as a public utility and should be available to ALL in North Carolina.</p>
04/19/2020 11:43 AM	Education Working Group	Ms Laurie Fox	<p>I urge you to repeal SESSION LAW 2011-84 HOUSE BILL 129 AN ACT TO PROTECT JOBS AND INVESTMENT BY REGULATING LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMPETITION WITH PRIVATE BUSINESS. This limits the ability of local municipal governments to set up their own high-speed internet service. The law spared cable companies from having to compete with municipal systems that could deliver the same high-speed internet access at a lower price.</p>
04/19/2020 12:36 PM	Education Working Group	Ms Deborah Abel	<p>Thank you for the decisions you have made to keep our students and staff safe. Please consider choosing to continue remote learning for the rest of the year. Making that decision and announcing it soon will allow everyone a sense of stability and allow them a</p>

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04/19/2020 01:50 PM	Education Working Group	Harriet Solomon	<p>chance to plan long range. This applies to all facets of our communities. The unknown is unsettling and this is one way to decrease some of that uneasiness. Thank you.</p> <p>Providing a free and equal education to all is required by our Constitution in NC. This is an imperative that all public officials should favor. An educated population makes good citizens in a democracy. Expand broadband so in this time of crisis all kids have equal access to learning materials to use at home. Unequal internet produces unequal education, which violates the nC Constitution.</p>
04/19/2020 02:34 PM	Education Working Group	Keep NC Safe Sara Bryan	<p>As a high-risk state-employed educator (char-meck schools), I am very hopeful that our legislators will continue to make the right decision in keeping NC schools closed until we have wide-spread and easily available testing for covid-19 and it's antibodies.</p> <p>I am thankful you keep our families safe in these tumultuous and dangerous times.</p>
04/19/2020 02:55 PM	Education Working Group	Ms. Kelly Barnard	<p>Please do not send our students, teachers, and support staff back into our overcrowded schools until it is completely safe to do so. Do not sacrifice their health and lives for the sake of normalcy.</p>